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DPI PROGRAMME ANNUAL REVIEW FY2021/22

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CHAIRPERSON DPI PROGRAMME
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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Hon. Ministers,

Your Excellences the Ambassadors, Heads of Delegations and Diplomatic Corps

Hon. Members of Parliament

Permanent Secretaries

Heads of Institutions

Members of the DPI Programme Leadership Committee

Members of the DPI Programme Working Group

Members of the Private Sector, Civil Society and Academia

Ladies and Gentlemen

I welcome you all to this Development Plan Implementation (DPI) Programme Annual Review 2022. Thanks for accepting my invitation and committing to this very important event in the DPI Programme calendar. I also commend you for all the commitment, support and contributions you made, and continue making towards the achievement of the DPI Programme outcomes.

As you may already be aware, implementation of the DPI Programme, and indeed the NDP III is in the third year now. This annual review is meant to help us reflect on the progress made in implementation the DPI Programme in the second year i.e. FY2021/22. This is the reason we have chosen to get all of you, our key stakeholders to come along and participate in this reflection so we can get your independent and objective assessment and perspective of how well we are implementing the DPI Programme and PFM Reform Strategy, what we are missing, and how better we should address the gaps. I therefore call upon your full participation, sincere and objective review and contributions.

I will not belabour providing you with a detailed account of the programme's performance, as this will be adequately covered in the presentations and discussions you will have today. However, I wish to note that we are making progress in many areas; we are slowly but steadily expanding our revenues although we agree more

effort is need. Debt is a thorny issue that has been of concern to many but, I can assure you, our debt remains sustainable and we are implementing a number of actions under our Debt Strategy to keep it under control. Over last year, we have directed more efforts towards greater control over supplementary expenditure and arrears. As you know these have been difficult issues especially following the disruption caused by the Covid19 pandemic over the last 2 years and war in Ukraine. We know the impact of these on the credibility of our budget but please rest assured, we will bring them under control.

Finally, there are two things that have happened in the recent past that I wish to talk about.

First, we have completed a mid-term review of the NDP III. This has been an important exercise because it allowed us to assess and understand the progress we have made in implementing the new programme based approach introduced under the NDP III, and the NDP III in general in view of the huge disruption caused again by the Covid19 pandemic and war in Ukraine. There will be more discussions of this in this review, but I want to say that we take the findings of the review in good faith and will do all to implement the recommendations.

Secondly, working with our partners, two important assessments of the PFM systems; the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability assessment (PEFA) and Public Investment Management Assessment (PIMA), have been completed. These are key diagnosis of the health of our PFM systems. We are equally open to the findings and recommendations from these assessments. It is important that these also inform the review today

During this review, we are expected to jointly identify the key impediments to the achievement of our DPI Programme objectives, devise remedies and agree actions and the responsible parties to address the impediments.

On my side, I commit to support the implementation of all the agreed actions, and I expect the Secretariat for DPI Programme to provide us regular updates on the implementation of the agreed actions, and also to organise and facilitate regular meetings to update us on the status of implementation of the agreed actions, and where need be, align the actions to the prevailing conditions.

I take this opportunity to thank you for positively responding to my invitation and coming in big numbers. I sincerely appreciate all the support accorded to the DPI Programme by our Development Partners, particularly the European Union, USAID, UK/DFID, EU, KfW, Norway, Denmark, GIZ, IMF, World Bank, Private Sector and Civil Society. I also thank the members of the DPI Programme Leadership Committee, Programme Working Group, Technical Working Groups for the cooperation, dedicated effort and hard work. I specifically thank the team at Secretariat for DPI Programme, and at the Secretariat for Resource Enhancement and Accountability Programme (REAP) for coordinating us and facilitating the drafting of the DPI Programme Annual Performance Report, and holding this conference.

I thank you for coming and wish you good deliberations

For God and My Country